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### The "Crush Curers."

BY A JUNIOR.



ILENTLY and in the dark, doors began opening at Blakemore Hall. Shadowy forms stole out, making their way

stealthily to the room at the rear end of the upper corridor. Boys from the other dormitories had to resort to the fire escape as the doors had long since been securely bolted.

All that day Jimmie had been spreading the summons, whispering unostentatiously into the ears of about twenty-four of the best athletes in the school. "Secret session — my room — twelve bells — important!" had been his message. There was much speculation in the minds of the boys as to the reason for the meeting. They all agreed that it must be something serious when Jim, knowing that they were all in training, bade them leave their beds at twelve o'clock for a gathering of the Grand Crush Curers of the Millard Prep School.

All the furnishings of Jimmie's room had been pushed to one side and the only illumination was furnished by an immense black candle. On a trunk placed at the far end of the room sat Jimmie, robed in black cheese cloth with the black staff of office in his hand. As the boys, similarly garbed, crept in they seated themselves, Turk fashion, on the floor. Not a sound was heard.

After the door had been locked, Jim opened the meeting by saying in a hushed and solemn voice, "Fellow Curers, we are gathered here to-night for the purpose of frustrating the plans of a particular deadly enemy, namely, one auburn haired, brown-eyed, upnosed skirt, who has become the curse of our football prospects in that she has made an abject slave of one renowned quarter back, Robert Henry Brooks, leaving him unfit for playing. We have tried all the usual methods, but they have failed. Suggestions as to a sure way of vanquishing the damsel are now in order."

Several of the boys made suggestions, which were discarded as impossible or impracticable.

Finally, from a dark corner, a muffled voice was heard saying, "I s'pose it never occurred to you bunch of boneheads that they are going to the Senior Prom together Saturday night. P'raps you may be able to absorb the fact that, if you can prevent said Robert Henry from meeting his lady fair, on that particular evening, you have accomplished your purpose with one stroke. If he breaks that date it will be all off between them forever. Savvy? My plan is this: Waylay the hero before he meets his lady and put him in a place where he will be safe for several hours. Then one of you fellows make it a point

to drop a few casual remarks about seeing Mr. Brooks in the company of a certain stunning brunnette on that evening. You understand that these remarks are to be made within hearing distance of the jilted one. I suggest one Bill McBride to be made leader of the kidnappers. Bill having had some experience in that roughneck stuff, you know."

Snickers went over the room at the mention of McBride's former "rough-necking." McBride stirred uneasily but held his peace.

After a little further discussion, a committee was appointed with Bill at the head, to embark on a career of crime. The plan was to be followed just as it had been given, the unrecognized voice telling them the best point at which to interrupt Robert's evening stroll. The fact that he seemed singularly well informed on Bob's plans passed unnoticed. After a little further planning, the boys dispersed and cautiously made their way back to their own rooms.

Saturday night, the conspirators gathered at the appointed spot, armed with masks, slouch hats, fake revolvers, and other paraphernalia required by prospective kidnappers. They were rather impatient about waiting for Bob, but wait they did. In fact, they waited until nine o'clock and then repaired to the Prom in disgust only to find Robert calmly hopping around the dancing floor with his red haired love in his arms.

The next afternoon the "Order" was gathered in Jimmie's room bewailing their luck and wishing they "Had their hands on the guy that put up that stall," when in strolled Mr. Robert Henry Brooks, the original cause of all their troubles.

"Greetings, dear friends. Gee, you people look about as cheerful as a crutch. What's the grand grouch all about?"

All the boys maintained a painful si-

lence except Jimmie who savagely remarked, "Aw, rats!"

"Your utterance was well delivered, Jimmie, me boy, but scarcely to the point. By the way, Mr. McBride, what's this new stunt I hear you pulled off Saturday night? Thought you swore off that mode of self-amusement after—." Bob was prevented from going farther by the impact of a sofa pillow on his face. He was about to respond in a similar manner when Jimmie, with an "I see light" expression on his face, interrupted proceedings by exclaiming, "Say fellows, I've got a hunch." The others had also contracted a hunch, apparently, for they laid violent hold of our hero and pummeled him till he yelled for mercy. When they had exhausted themselves, Jim said to the offender, "Now get up and give an account of yourself."

Bob still faintly smiling, stood up, rearranged his tie, and said placatingly, "Well, I knew you were after me. You're efforts were only too evident. So when you passed out the notice of that nocturnal conclave, I naturally had my suspicions. Do you think I'm blind? I came to the meeting and — you know the rest. You're a bright lot to fall for that old gag. You should have —."

"Oh shut up," politely interrupted Jimmie, "My naturally forgiving nature prevents me from letting these righteously indignant gentlemen inflict further punishment upon you. Besides we have business which requires our immediate attention, so wind a smile around your neck and recede."

Bob "receded" but the order to smile was unnecessary. When he reached the door he chuckled, irritatingly and said, "Well, so long, fellows, I've got a date with a 'Certain auburn haired, brown eyed, upnosed skirt' at three-thirty and must needs bid you a fond farewell."

He shut the door just in time to save

himself from a shower of missiles hurled in his direction by the raging "Order."

"I move that the Order of the Grand Crush Curers be immediately disbanded upon failure to accomplish its original purpose," said Jimmie with emphasis.

Unanimous to a man came the answer, "Second the motion."

### The Crimson and Black Eleven.

JUANITA FUNKENSTEIN, '18.



ARTFORD'S team, the Crimson and Black squad, were rivals with Meadowbrook's team for the Eastern college cham-Meadowbrook was bubbling

over with enthusiasm. Their team had not been scored on for the last two years. The year before both Hartford and Meadowbrook had won every game they played up until the last game of the season, which they played together. Johnnie Simmers had won the game for Meadowbrook by taking the ball over the line in the last quarter of the game. The Hartford crowd went wild and declared that they would show the Meadowbrook team next year. The next year had arrived at last as had also the football season.

When Harmon, coach for the Hartford squad, was looking over his men, he found that he did not have a competent fullback. He had the man for every other position and it was up to him to find a fullback. The next day, on his way down to the gymnasium, he almost bumped into a fellow. He stopped short and gasped, for here was his fullback right before him. "Art" Brighton was tall, rather heavy and looked to be speedy. Harmon grabbed him by the arm and started to fire questions at him. At last he found out that Brighton had played some football and would be out for practice the next night. Harmon went around the halls the next day, wearing a smile from ear to ear, and telling everyone that he had a fullback who was going to win the Meadowbrook game for them. Practice started and Brighton soon showed what he was made of. He became speedier all the time. The way he would tear through the second team's line was a delight to every one.

The season started with Meadowbrook playing their customary brand of football. They won game after game. Hartford was also winning, Brighton proving himself a star in every game.

At last Thanksgiving Day dawned and rather cold. The Crimson and Black squad were in perfect condition for the "Big Game" and were impatiently waiting. The crowd came early and the rival schools returned yells and hoots wildly. Each school had a band and great pennants floated over the grandstands.

The game started at 2:30 o'clock with Meadowbrook kicking off to Hartford. Hartford's men lost the ball on downs. Johnnie Summers got the ball and started plunging through Hartford's line. He kept gaining and thought he was going to make it, when some one loomed up in front of him and he went down. Hartford had a man on their team who was a match for Summers! Such yelling as came from the Hartford crowd! The game went on, no score being made until the last quarter, when, by a forward pass, Meadowbrook put the ball over the goal. The crowd from Meadowbrook went wild. Summers kicked for goal and missed it, so the score stood six to nothing, with three minutes more to play. Meadowbrook kicked to Hartford. Brighton got the ball, and

was downed on the 50-yard line. He got the ball again, but realized that there was not enough time to break through the line and make a touchdown. So from the 50-yard line he made a drop-kick, sending the ball squarely between the bars. The Hartford crowd was in an uproar. Meadowbrook's "bunch" started yelling at Brighton. "Oh, you dummy. Did you think three was equal to six? Lost your

head, didn't you! Oh, you bonchead." The game was over, six to three! And although Hartford had not won they had scored on Meadowbrook, being the first team to do this for two years. When Meadowbrook realized, that although they had won the game, they had at last been scored on, they simply raged. And "Art" was a hero at his school.

## Texas Nancy.

AGNES ALGIE, '20.



HEN Nancy Langdon arrived at the Burnside High School she was the chief topic of conversation for teachers and pu-

pils alike. At the end of a week, both had stated their verdict.

"She's a good little worker, but she needs taming," a member of the faculty announced.

"She's one of the gamest girls in the school," was the opinion of a tall Junior, captain of the season's football team. All pronounced her odd.

Nancy was very talkative and before long the whole school knew her life's history. She was the daughter of a Texas rancher whose wife had died some years before. Nancy had been brought up on the wild plains, and now that she was old enough she was sent to Burnsville for an education.

Warm-hearted and brave was Nancy, but a bit awkward in her ways. This was never so pronounced as on the night of the mid-year party. Nancy attended, of course, looking very pretty with her dark hair and sparkling eyes; but dance—that was an impossibility for Nancy to perform. Oh yes! she could tread on one's toes beautifully and blush and beg one's pardon afterwards, but that didn't help those trodden members, or one's injured feelings, either.

When the refreshments were served Nancy managed to spill her coffee on Tommy Bassett's suit and ended the evening by losing her slipper bow. This last

was never found and remains a lasting mystery of the school.

Through it all, Nancy was always bright and cheery, but she did not have a chance to show her real worth till after Easter vacation. One morning Nancy accompanied a group of girls and boys on their way to the school building. Suddenly, they noticed great excitement in the street, and turning, the group saw an unsaddled horse come rushing toward them at top speed. As everyone stood excitedly watching, a little child ran innocently out into the street in front of the terrified horse. There was a breathless pause. None wished to risk their life in this terrible crisis. Then, without a moment's hesitation, Nancy left the group on the walk and ran fearlessly toward the advancing animal. Could she reach and check the horse's progress in time?

Without the aid of stirrup or bridle, she leaped on the horse's back and, as he drew near the helpless baby, the girl leaned swiftly down and lifted the child in her arms. The next moment the frightened beast, calmed by the girl's strong voice and presence, had been brought to a standstill, and the rider with her little charge was aided to dismount.

Nancy received many congratulations for her bravery from her friends and the mother of the babe, but under the rapid fire of praise she felt selfconscious and embarrassed.

"I learned to do that in Texas. It was nothing for me," was all she could say, but, down in her heart, Nancy realized that she had met the situation bravely.

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Well, what do you think of it?

Not quite so hard to study, now that the days are colder, is it?

We can all be good friends again. The presidential campaign is over.

A cafeteria is a mighty handy thing to have. How did we ever get along without it?

"Do your Christmas shopping early!" Teachers and students take heed this year! Christmas falls on Monday and school closes only the Friday before.

Now that the Staff is getting accustomed to their work, future issues are promised promptly at the end of the quarter.

In behalf of the students of Rock Island High School the WATCH TOWER extends a welcome to the new instructors who have come to be with us this year.

It is indeed pleasing to see the wholesome spirit that is being displayed in R. I. H. S. this year. The yelling at the games is said to be the best in years. We sincerely trust that the basketball team will receive the same enthusiastic support the football boys have had.

#### This Year's Staff.

With the exception of the Assistant Editor-in-Chief and the Literary Editor the members of the present Watch Tower staff have had no previous experience in this line of work.

Such a situation is unusual and can be considered no small handicap. There is much to learn in the process of editing a school paper and inasmuch as this is our first attempt we ask our readers to be lenient in their criticism.

#### Our Department Headings.

Have you noticed the department headings in this issue? They are some of the best productions of former students and were resurrected from dusty files to show the present generation what noted artists once attended R. I. H. S.

Hazel Z. Weller, '14, one of the most talented voung women ever graduated from this institution, drew the headings on the Literary, Press Notes, Exchange, and Joke pages. The neat cut appearing on the Alumni page is the work of Langton Prager, whose present address is 1406 Alta Vista Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.

Heading the Athletic department is a very novel drawing, but unfortunately it bears no name and there is no clue as to the identity of the artist. If anyone remembers, the information will be appreciated.

#### The Campaigns.

Did you ever see as much paper in your life? We were pretty sure we never had, but when we were through baling it we were absolutely positive that we hadn't. And the best part of it was that all we had to do was ask for it. The students did themselves proud and showed they could be depended upon in a pinch. The cash received for the paper and magazines went a long way toward making up the deficit in our treasury, and the WATCH TOWER extends thanks to all those who helped in any way during the campaign.

Although we failed to get five hundred subscriptions in the campaign week there is no doubt over that number will be turned in before this present issue is exhausted. The class teams worked as hard as they could and the rivalry was intense. The Juniors pressed to the lead in the last days of the campaign and their final score was considerable above that of the Seniors who were thought to be the winners. The Sophs and Freshies made a very creditable showing. Again the WATCH TOWER thanks you!

#### The Class of 1920.

It is said that in some schools a freshman cuts no figure at all in school activities. Only when a student reaches his junior year is he really "recognized" by his fellow students. Such a situation, it would seem, would be disastrous to the good feeling in the school.

Rock Island high is proud of its freshmen. Every one of us was in that class at some time or other. Indeed if there were no freshmen there would be no high school.

The upperclassmen extend a hearty welcome to the members of the class of 1920. In the few months they have been among us they have demonstrated their desire to become an active body in the life of the school. Freshmen girls as well as boys have turned out enthusiastically to the games and have proved that they are boosters.

And now a word of advice from the older students. Many a senior wishes he had attended the athletic contests when he was a freshman. He sees now that high school would not have seemed such a bore the first year or so if he had. Some juniors are lamenting that they did not go out for basketball the first year they were in school. With only one more year they have little chance of "making" a team without the practice they could have had if they had gone out earlier. Any number of students see their mistake in not going out for declamation and other literary pursuits when younger. Boys, the Ciceronian will train you along that line. Join now! Girls, the Theadelphic wants you for a member. Belong to an organization and life will be more enjoyable.

And never stay away from a class meeting, freshmen. Form the habit of being on hand every time such a meeting is called. The class needs you and you need the class. Don't be an unidentified high school student. Boost for your class and you will be recognized as a booster.

If you follow this friendly advice, in your senior year you will be able to look back over your high school career and see it as both an enjoyable and a profitable one.



## PRESS NOTES

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#### NEW INSTRUCTORS.

On account of the arrival of a great many new students and the departure of some of the teachers several new instructors have been added to the faculty, Miss Summers, Miss Winkler, Miss Axelson and later Miss Winn. We hope the new teachers will find their stay among us enjoyable.

#### OUR FIRST ASSEMBLY.

The first general assembly was held on September 13. After a short talk by the president of the student body, Harry Lyford, Elizabeth Swisher told of the organization and future work of the WATCH Tower staff. The presidents of the Literary societies of the school spoke in behalf of these organizations. Victoria Wilhelm, President of the Theadelphic, Lillian Gross, President of the Hart, and Roy Johnson for the Ciceronian. Mr. Hill explained the Athletic association and urged the students to join. Louis Wilson, business manager of the WATCH TOWER, then explained the financial standing of the WATCH TOWER and launched the magazine campaign. He asked that each student bring at least ten pounds of old magazines or newspapers. He also named the prizes: a box of candy to the girl who brought the most, and a subscription to the WATCH TOWER to the boy who brought the most. Dorothy Cleveland won the girl's prize by bringing 675 pounds, and Kenneth Dierolf the boy's prize by bringing 900 pounds.

#### Juniors Win.

On October 9 the Watch Tower subscription campaign started with the slogan S. O. S. On account of a misunderstanding between the Juniors and Seniors it was allowed to run one day extra when the Juniors won by a margin of thirteen subscriptions. As a reward they were given a theater party by the Watch Tower on November 8.

#### MRS. HASKELL HERE.

The first number of the Lyceum Course was given on October 24, when Mrs. Haskell gave a number of readings. Her program was greatly enjoyed by those present.

#### YELL MEETING HELD.

On the day before the Moline game a general assembly was held for the purpose of creating "pep" among the students. After a selection by the orchestra, Clifford Myers led in general yell practice. Captain Hendren and Coach Anderson gave short talks. The song "Crimson and Gold" was also practiced. Several were heard to remark that such good yelling had never before been heard in R. I. H. S.

#### OUR STRAW VOTE.

The day before the national election a straw vote was conducted by the associated students. Hughes was a favorite with both boys and girls, the former voting 141 to 125 in his favor and the latter giving him the small majority of 160 to 157.

The combined vote showed: Hughes 305, Wilson 282, Benson 5, Hanley 1.

An interesting feature of the counting of the ballots was observing the variety of ways Hughes was spelled. Six methods were employed, to-wit: Hughes, Hughs, Huges, Hues, Hueghs, Huhes. The enthusiasm with which some voted also was novel. One boy wrote: "Hughes, the greatest man in the world." Another said, "Wilson, all the time!" Some preferred to avoid any complications whatsoever and signed their ballots "Neutral."

#### ARGUS-DISPATCH CONTEST.

The Argus-Dispatch contest was held October 26. If anyone thinks it was a day of rest for the press team he has entirely the wrong idea. From noon of the day before the paper was issued until 3 o'clock the next day the amateur editors were on the job with energy that was pleasing to behold. At the time the Watch Tower went to press the decision of the judges had not been announced, but the local team was confident of victory.

Those who had the honor of representing R. I. H. S. in this contest were: Charlotte Huesing, Elizabeth Swisher, Robley Clark, Ida Gross, Gail Huntoon, Frazier Vance, Harry Lyford, Louis Wilson, Harry Stuhr, George Adams, Irving Olson, Howard Holcombe, Will Nichols, Howard Anderson, Roy Johnson.

#### ORGANIZATION OFFICERS.

The following officers have been elected in the various classes for the coming year:

Seniors—
President—Louis Wilson.
Vice President—Dorothy Algie.
Secretary—Melba Carlson.
Treasurer—Harry Lyford.
Juniors—
President—George Adams.
Vice President—Catherine Hackstadt.
Secretary—Arthur Bruner.

Treasurer—Will Nichols. Ass't Treasurer—Una Sodergren. Sophomores-President—William McCombs. Vice President—Vera Vernon. Secretary—Dorothy Cleveland. Treasurer-Harold Wilson. The Literary societies have elected the following officers for the coming year: Theadelphic-President—Victoria Wilhelm. Vice President—Anna Marie Van Secretary-Treasurer—Alice Journey. Doorkeeper—Beulah Vaughn. Hart-President—Lillian Gross. Vice President—Edna Anderson. Secretary-Treasurer—Ruth Gillespie. Doorkeeper—Myrtle Wessel. Ciceronian-

President—Ruben Peterson. Vice President—Emil Goldman. Secretary—Frazier Vance. Treasurer—Howard Anderson.

#### HARPIST PLEASES.

Alberto Salvi, the world's greatest harpist, appeared in a recital as the second number on the entertainment course Wednesday evening, November 15. He was accompanied by Helen Brown Read, soprano; and Edith Harris, pianist. The program was one long to be remembered. The next and last number of the course will be December 11.

#### Enthusiastic Assembly Held.

The day before the Davenport game the Friday assembly period was turned over to the associated students. After a number by the orchestra, Clifford Myers, yell leader, opened the meeting with several yells. Harry Lyford, president, then called on the other officers of the organization for talks, George Adams and William Mc-Combs responding eloquently. For the team Mercer and Ellinwood gave short addresses and to close the program Miss Thompson was called on for a few words. Her remarks were to the point and her witticisms brought down the house. Yells were practiced between talks and the students united in singing "Crimson and Gold' to the accompaniment of the orchestra.

## **PERSONALS**

The J. G. Band was entertained by Elizabeth Schroder at her home on the thirtieth street road, October 28. After a very fine voluntary program, in which all the members present took part, games and contests were played, Miss Ruth Bleuer winning the prize in a "Cat Contest." Later a three course supper was served

A few friends of Helen Hansen were entertained at an informal dinner on October 17.

Edwin Redicker, formerly of Rock Island high school, now copy reader for the *Chicago Herald*, was a visitor in our halls on October 30.

On October 28, in honor of her birthday, Ruth Burch entertained sixteen high school friends. The house was decorated in Hallowe'en colors and games were played appropriate to the season.

Miss Elizabeth Swisher gave a dramatic reading in the WATCH TOWER office on Thursday, October 26. It was highly enjoyed by the small but select company present.

Edith Eddy entertained a number of high school friends at a Hallowe'en party at her home in Milan. Games in keeping with the season were played and later in the evening a three course luncheon was served

There is no difficulty in getting Juniors to attend the class meetings these days. Their president, presiding, affords enough amusement to attract the whole school, let alone a mere class.

Miss Florence McConochie held a masquerade Hallowe'en party at her home on Tuesday, October 31. A number of Seniors from the Rock Island and Davenport high schools were her guests.

Miss Alma Buhlig, former teacher of German in R. I. H. S., visited here November 1. Miss Winn's separating the football congregation fifth period is an item for the joke column.

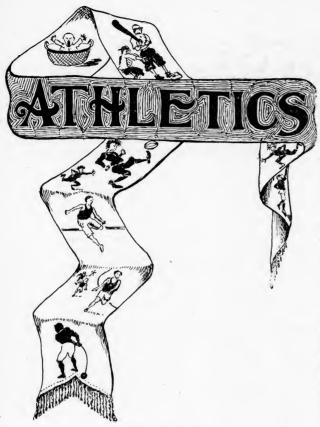
Did you notice how hard some of our prominent Juniors worked on the last day of the subscription campaign?

The Theadelphic, after a Hallowe'en program, had a candy and apple spread. The chairman of the "eats" committee was waylaid by the members of the Argus-Dispatch team and relieved of a part of the remnants of the feast. It is needless to say that the team enjoyed the feast quite as much as the Theadelphians.

The Jolly Six girls were entertained by Mrs. Will Whisler, formerly Mary Morrison, on October 30 at a slumber party. During the evening Hallowe'en games were played. The girls reported a fine time.

On October 31, Linnea Johnson gave a Hallowe'en masquerade party. Oak leaves with orange and black paper formed the decorations. Sixteen high school friends were her guests.

Oct. 30, Myrtle Jens and Edna Dierolf at the home of the latter on Thirty-fifth avenue and Ninth street, Rock Island, entertained a company of twenty-four high school girls and boys at a delightful Hallowe'en party. They were met at the door and escorted to the parlors, which were decorated in keeping with the Hallowe'en season. An interesting series of games and contests had been arranged. In a contest to guess the numbers of seeds in a pumpkin, Miss Minnie Stuhr received the prize. Arthur Dodson was awarded the prize for pinning a witch closest to the moon. Mildred Hudson received the consolation prize. In a guessing contest Carl Anderson was awarded the favor. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. Late in the evening a delicious three course repast was served in the attic. The table was decorated with witches, pumpkins, cats and other symbols of Hallowe'en. The table centerpiece was a pumpkin and extending from it to each plate were streamers in the Hallowe'en colors, at the end of which was a fortune.



#### Football.

At the opening of school, football prospects were high. When Coach Anderson sent out his call for candidates about fifty responded, making the largest squad that had been out in many years. Among them were seven of last year's men. Ellinwood and Hendren, who could not play last year on account of their studies, but nevertheless were veterans at the game, were also back and lent much encouragement to the "greener" men.

There was a wealth of material for the backfield and line, in the second team, and they have given the first string men many a hard practice game.

#### AIUMNI 28. ROCK ISLAND 14.

The team was treated to not a wholly agreeable surprise when they were defeated by the graduates whom they thought would be easy meat. There defeat, however, might be termed a blessing in disguise. The grads made a touchdown during the first few minutes of play and somewhat shattered the school men's

nerves. Dempsey and Heimbeck were the ground gainers for the school eleven, the former carrying the ball time and again through tackle for long gains. Littig played well for a new man and thereafter was given a place with the first string men. Gleason and Whisler played a fighting game for the Alumni.

Summary: Touchdowns — Alumni: Nichols, Gleason, Whisler, Dooley. High School: Dempsey (2). Goal from field—C. Whisler. Goals from touchdown—Ellinwood (2), Dooley.

#### Lineup:

ALUMNI.	ROCK ISLAND.
DooleyR. F.	Durling
TremannR. T	Fotch, Hendren
LollsR. C	Taylor, Fotch
McIntyre	
NicholsL. C	McCarty
Gyer L. T.	Kuehl
SextonL. E	Littig
W. WhislerQ. E	O O
WrightR. H.	
GleasonL. H.	
C. WhislerF. B	
2.000	

#### GALESBURG 18. ROCK ISLAND 0.

Although defeat was due partially to the weight and experience of the Galesburg men, the rank decisions of the referee had a great deal to do with it. On the second down after the kickoff Rock Island men noticed that there were only ten on the opposing team. When the ball was passed a man on the sidelines pretending to be a substitute ran down to receive the forward pass. Luckily he was downed before he got very far. Coach Anderson protested, but the referee upheld the play. However, after considering a while, he kindly(?) consented to let the game start over.

On the second kickoff our men held Galesburg. The first touchdown was made when Campbell, halfback, went around end for a touchdown. Several times during the remainder of the quarter we had the ball near the goal, but could not push it over. Another case of bad judgment on the part of the referee occurred in the

second quarter when the Islanders had the ball within a few yards of the goal. Only three downs were alloted to us and the pigskin went to Galesburg just in time to prevent a score.

The third period saw little gain on either side, and in the last quarter our fellows became completely disheartened. In the last few minutes the enemy was allowed to romp away with two touchdowns. The whole team played a good game and outclassed Galesburg in everything but forwards. Campbell and Newberg starred for Galesburg.

berg starred for Galesburg. Lineup:

Lineup:	
GALESBÜRG.	ROCK ISLAND.
C. HolmesR.	E Anderson
BirdsallR	T Hendren
O'ConnorR.	G Taylor
	C Mercer
	G Fotch
AndersonL	. TKuehl
R HolmesI.	E Littig
NewbergQ	B Ellinwood
PetersonR.	H. B Dempsey
Campbell	H. B Durling
MorrisonF	. B Heimbeck

#### ROCK ISLAND 42. GENESEO 7.

The shakeup that Coach Anderson gave the team before the game certainly worked wonders in bringing them to life. A large number of students took the train for Geneseo that Saturday and one bunch of rooters walked the entire distance, so there was no lack of encouragement for members of the team.

Geneseo kicked off to Rock Island. Then our squad started on a steady march down the field. The line opened great holes, enabling Dempsey and Morris to make large gains. Ellinwood succeeded in smashing the line for the first touchdown. Goal was kicked and we had 7 on our opponents.

Rock Island again got the ball and by a long pass to Morris put it within a few yards of the goal. In the next play Ellinwood took it over and kicked goal. Geneseo tried to keep the Islanders back by punting, but did not succeed and Morris

again caught a pass, running 30 yards for another 6 points. Score at half, Rock Island 21, Geneseo 0.

In the second half, Heimbeck was laid out and the Rock Island players were more interested in "chewing" with the referee than playing football. As the result of a burn decision, Hippler was put over for Geneseo's only score. Goal was kicked.

We then buckled down and held. Dempsey hooked a long forward and ran 50 yards for another touchdown and Elly kicked another goal. In the last quarter, Morris again nabbed a forward and reached the goal, but the referee would not allow it because of an alleged infraction of the rules. Heimbeck soon made up for it, however, and our little quarter kicked his fifth goal. In the last few minutes of play Durling grabbed another pass and reached the goal. Elly kicked the additional point. (He never misses 'em!)

With 42 points tacked up, Rock Island returned home tired but happy and one bunch vent their enthusiasm among the Saturday night crowds when they pulled into R. I. town.

Lineup:	
ROCK ISLAND.	GENESEO.
Durling, BassettR. E	Freeman
HendrenR. T	Ollson
Anderson	Walter
Mercer	Erdman
FotchL. T	Hostetter
KuehlL. G	West
McCarthy, LittigL. E	Ellston
Ellinwood Q. B	Ellston, Hippler
Dempsey R. H. B	Brunger
MorrisL. H. B	Wiggins
HeimbeckF. B	Weimer

#### SIOUX CITY 13. ROCK ISLAND 0.

We certainly were given a pleasant surprise when the low score was posted down town that evening. Sioux City has a heavy team and is considered well up in the running for state championship. The field was a sea of mud due to the melting of several inches of snow, making it ex-

tremely difficult for either team to show speed. Forward passes failed on the slippery field and most of the time plunges and runs were unsuccessful against Sioux City's heavy defense. Fumbles were frequent and punts netted little ground on account of the soggy ball.

In the first quarter Durling received injuries and his assailant was sent off the field. In addition Sioux City was penalized half the distance to the goal. In spite of this assistance our boys could not make headway, and in the second quarter, Mongomery succeeded in reaching our goal for the first touchdown. A goal kick added another point—Sioux City 7—Rock Island 0.

After the next kickoff Dempsey ran 20 yards, being downed on the 10 yard line. However, the ball was lost on downs and our opponents carried it out of the danger zone.

Heimbeck was forced by injuries to retire in the third quarter, Taylor replacing him at full. Franing took Taylor's position. The second score was made when a Sioux City end nabbed the only successful pass of the game. Sioux City 13, Rock Island 0.

#### Lineup:

SIOUX CITY.	ROCK ISLAND.
MenefeeR. E	McCarthy Anderson
ArmourR. T.	Hondron Handron
Stencii	Fotob
Roontz	Mercor
TaraschunskyL. G	Anderson, Franing,
9 1	Taylor
Snoker, JonesL. T	· · · · · · · · · Kuehl
FletcherL. E	Durling
MongomeryQ. B	Filinwood
Reimenschneider R. H. B.	D
HerrigL. H. B.	Dempsey
Brown	· · · · · Morris
BrownF. B	Heimbeck Taylor

#### MOLINE 26. ROCK ISLAND 7.

The annual twin-city game is usually the hardest battle of the season and this year was no exception. Between two schools so close together, it is only natural that great rivalry exist and the winner of the yearly struggle usually "crows" about the victory for many moons. Much "pep" was displayed by the rooters of both towns and the noise was continuous and deafening. Rock Island had their band in action, and Moline, not having a school band, hired professional musicians. Approximately 3,000 people viewed the game.

During the first half Rock Island's team tried their best to score and played Moline completely off their feet. The backfield bucked the line time and again for long gains. But it seemed as if fate was against us, for large penalties were given our players for alleged infractions of the rules, just when scores seemed certain. Neither team crossed the goal in the first half and the local team was completely exhausted, from the incessant battering of the Moline line. Moline's method of providing substitutes throughout the game gave their best players time for rest and the result was that when they were again called into the fray they were much fresher than our players.

Although the time between periods served to rest our squad the strain began to tell at the beginning of the third quarter. Moline quickened its pace and before long the much touted Schaffer broke through for the first touchdown. fast man had not made himself known until that moment, for Durling had succeeded in holding him. But with Durling injured on the sidelines he was freer to live up to his record. Moline failed to kick goal and the score stood 6 to 0 in their favor. Just after the following kickoff Heimbeck caught a fumble and with good interference ran about 90 yards. He became exhausted and could not keep the pace with the result that Ludwick downed him twelve yards from goal. The stands went wild and pandemonium reigned for several minutes. But Moline's line showed new life and held like a stone wall. The ball was lost on downs and

Rock Island fans put on long faces. The third quarter ended with the local boys just a few yards from the goal line. Durling had entered the game again in the first minutes of the fourth quarter, and made our only touchdown, catching, behind the goal line, a beautiful forward pass from Dempsey. Ellinwood's toe lived up to its reputation and the stands cut loose in ecstacy. Score: Rock Island 7, Moline 6.

Moline players were not slow to realize their predicament and began to display a wonderful speed. Durling was again laid out and the other boys began to crumble before the onslaught of their revived opponents. Schaffer added two more touchdowns and Butzer succeeded in making another. Final score: Moline 26, Rock Island, 7.

Every Rock Island player did his best and particular credit cannot be given any one man. The game has been spoken of as simply a matter of "prearranged strategy" by which means the local boys were allowed to tire themselves in the first half.

Lineup:
MOLINE. ROCK ISLAND.
C. Wilson
R. Wilson R. T Hendren
McKelvey, EllisonR. GTaylor, Anderson
Seymour C Mercer
Carlson, Berg, TrowbridgeL. G Fotch
Beulow Kuehl
RohwerL. EAnderson McCarthy
LudwickQ. B Ellinwood
Schaffer, G. JohnsonR. H. B Dempsey
DeClerk, Alsene, GaylordL. H. B Morris
Fromme F. B Heimbeck

#### ROCK ISLAND 26. OTTAWA 0.

Although having a lighter team they expected to beat Rock Island on line plunges and short smashes. This was probably because Ottawa did not seem to know what a forward pass is. Only one short one was tried in the first quarter, but it failed to work. In this period Rock

Island's goal was threatened several times, but the players "pepped up" and soon had the ball within a yard of Ottawa's goal. Ellinwood carried it over, but the kick was missed. Score: 6 to 0.

During the first part of the second quarter the ball remained in the middle of the field, but before long Morris made a line smash and dodging the secondary defense scored the second touchdown. Goal was kicked. A long forward to Dempsey just before the half ended, resulted in another 6 points. Goal was kicked. Score at half: "Us" 20, "Them" 0.

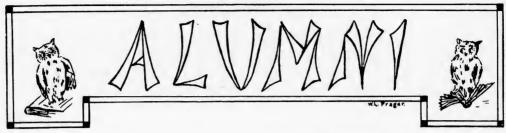
In the third quarter Ottawa came back strong and R. I. had all they could do to hold them. However, Durling succeeded in nabbing our last scoring forward and landed behind the line for another half dozen figures. Although three more touchdowns were made by our team none were allowed, not even a spectacular 70 yard run by Dempsey. So we had to be content with 26 to nothing. But that wasn't so bad!

#### Lineup:

ROCK ISLAND.	OTTAWA.
Wilson, LittigL. E	Mattes
Fotch, KuehlL. T	Curtis
Franing	Esmond
Mercer	Irvin
Anderson	Vleiter
HendrenR. T	Schmidt
Durling, DiceR. E	Follet
EllinwoodQ. B	Langan
McCarthyR. H. B	Brand
MorrisR. H. B	Hoxie
Dempsey F. B	Hitter

#### FINAL ATHLETIC ITEM.

Lack of space prevents the printing of the account of the Davenport game in this issue. However, in the next number a writeup is promised that will be of interest to Davenport as well as Rock Island fans.



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#### Whereabouts of the Class of '16.

Out of the class of ninety-eight but twenty-three have gone on to institutions of higher learning. Various colleges have claimed the following:

Northwestern, Margaret Dibbern, Muriel Ammerman; Dana Hall, Wellesley, Mass., Elizabeth Babcock; Y. M. C. A. Association College, Chicago, Ill., Francis Barker; Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., Harry Cleveland, Franklin Searle, Kenneth Vernon; Frances Shimer School, Mt. Carroll, Ill., Emily Kenworthy; University of Wisconsin, Marion McCabe, Dorothy Bassett; The Principia, St. Louis, Mo., Marion Roth; Augustana, Margaret Searle, Helmer Benson, Florence Bladel, Evert Bowes, Stella Darling, Harold Johnson, Aline Martin, Charlotte Murray, Elizabeth Olmsted, Robert Olmsted, Carl Sodergren, Ruth Weed, Gertrude Kerr, Albert Taber.

Edgar James has an excellent position with the Rock Island Lines.

John Robb is proprietor of a grocery store on Thirtieth street and Fifth avenue.

Vivian Thomas is working in Lincoln Park, New York.

Margaret Lawson is our assistant librarian.

Frank Alter and Abe Morris are taking a post-graduate course at R. I. H. S.

Sadie Jane Barbour is married.

Rose Chambers is back at R. I. H. S. taking a business course.

Evelyn Eckhart is working in Davenport.

Hazel Gregory and Alberta Glasco are at M. & K.'s office.

Ethel Judd is working at Young & McCombs.

Jeanette Riddell is employed by her father in the office of Burlington Lines. Inez Sala is at the Royal Neighbors.

Alma Sanderson is enrolled at Brown's Business College.

Florence Watson is employed in the pattern department at L. S. McCabe Co.

Teaching has claimed Hortense Granere, Ruth Wilson, Alma Smith, Goldie Young, Ruth Clevenstine and Ida Wiggins.

Jimmy Hughes is reporting for the Rock Island Daily Union.

#### Editors of the WATCH TOWER:

So the time has come when it behooves me to fulfill the promise I made last year to write a letter for the WATCH TOWER. To tell the truth, I mentally resolved when the 1916 Annual went to press that I would never, never write another word for a paper. But now, when I recall my own frenzied efforts to fill three pages with alumni news, I find myself willing to do my best to help my successor.

But the trouble is, I know not what to write. Not many news items covering my classmates have come to my ears. But the "sixteeners" left in Rock Island come

out and cheer lustily whenever they have the chance to see the team at home. We are still loyal supporters of the crimson and gold and haven't lost a bit of our old time "pep."

Only about a third of our class continued their studies this year. About eleven of us are in the collegiate department at Augustana and as many more in the commercial. In the Art studio, Louella Long sits all day before her easel and paints in oils.

Every member of the class is busy and we rarely catch a glimpse of any but those at "Augie." But we hear that Margaret Dibbern is making a record in her studies at Northwestern, where Frances Rhodes and Muriel Ammerman are devoting most of their time to music.

"Margie" Schnitzer is following up her "leanings" toward toe dancing at Gym. school at Indianapolis. Ancient history brings forth many a groan from "Dot" Bassett and Marion McCabe who are enjoying themselves in the whirl at the University of Wisconsin. Occasionally, our climb to Augie is cheered by a glimpse of Jimmy Hughes, cheerfully given from the depths of a Ford, traversing Seventh avenue, but we have no information concerning his occupation. Al Tabor brought his cheerful grin and basketball proficiency to the Augie Commercials.

Not long ago we saw Verner Hallgren's checked cap in a mad rush down Fifteenth street, Moline, as he went his way to "business," we imagined. You know Verner is a capable stenographer. Now "Sally" Booth, "Jerry" Kittelson and "Meg" Anderson are working here in the Modern Woodmen office. Ruth Clevenstine is teaching the primary grades in Milan. "Tib" Babcock is away off east at Dana Hall, Wellesley, while Franklin Searle is at Knox together with "Scoop" Vernon and "Spiz" Cleveland.

This only accounts for a few of the wearers of the brown and gold, but this letter grows lengthy, so I will close with the hope that "we are gone but not forgotten," and give to the WATCH TOWER and the high school sincere good wishes for success.

CHARLOTTE MURRAY, '16.

Greetings, WATCH TOWER:

On this your eighth day of venture, you must be feeling both responsible, because of last year's excellent Annual, and capable because of a past history of success.

Yes, I am still at "Augie" and let me tell you I am not the only one that considers the Watch Tower a pretty fine little magazine. Several of the students who did not know that the Watch Tower was a quarterly publication have been inquiring for it. All kinds of nice things are said about you at Augustana. Every one expects big things of this year's staff. The energy with which you conducted your successful paper campaign promises a snappy, spirited paper.

The other day when I was glancing over some of the Observer's exchanges, I came across an editorial that I believe would interest you. The editor of the Budget from Galesburg speaks of the receipt of the Rock Island Argus and Moline Dispatch edited by the students of the respective high schools. She commends the fine work of the two schools, but through some misunderstanding is under the impression that neither Rock Island nor Moline publish school papers. Exchange with the Budget, Watch Tower, and show her that the ability displayed in the Argus contest is found in all departments of Rock Island high school, especially her "School Paper." Wishing you all kinds of "pep" and "get there" spirit, I am

> Yours sincerely, FAE HANNA, '15.



This year the WATCH TOWER has a practically green staff and it has not been without great difficulties that we have put out this, our first issue. Those to follow, of course, will be better as we intend to benefit by experience and the friendly criticisms of our exchanges. We criticise in a friendly manner and we want you to do the same, for we all must remember, "Our friends are those who tell us of our faults and help us to mend them."

The Decaturian, James Millikin University, Decatur, Ill., comes to us as a new exchange. We are indeed glad to make your acquaintance. Your paper is full of good news, but we think it would be benefited by the addition of a joke department.

The Manual, Manual Training High School, Peoria, Ill. You are indeed to be commended on your joke department and we also compliment you on both the size and quality of your magazine. We are only too familiar with the task of securing good material and we think you are particularly fortunate in obtaining such a vast amount of it. Don't you think it would be better, though, to have all your advertisements together?

Upsala Gazette, Upsala College, Kenilworth, N. J. Your magazine is quite good, but we do not think you have used your space to the best possible advantage. We think that you should be able to use it much more economically.

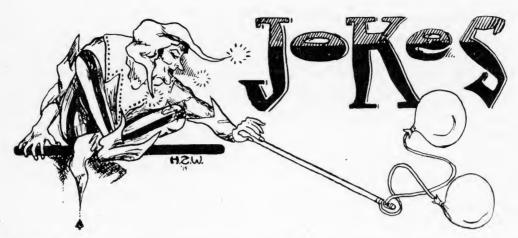
We again welcome our old friend, the Augustana Observer. It would be almost impossible to run our exchange department without your paper. It is good, as usual, but we think your joke department would be better if it were somewhat enlarged.

The Bulletin, Davenport, Ia., is a near neighbor of ours. The cover of your October issue is especially clever and your literary department is also very good. We think, however, that you have devoted too much of your paper to jokes. We believe in having plenty of jokes, but do not like to see them overdone and we also think it would be better for you to put all your jokes together in one department.

The "O," Oskaloosa, Ia., is a new exchange and welcomed by us as an especially good one. You are to be commended on the literary ability of the members of your school. But isn't it possible to put your advertisements all together in a department of their own? We think it would add a great deal to your paper.

The Clintonian, Clinton, Iowa, is a cleverly written magazine. But, Clintonian, do you realize your waste of valuable space? There are four half pages with absolutely nothing on them! Judging from your magazine we think it would be an easy task for you to secure enough good material to entirely fill all your pages. Now, when this great "Thrift Campaign" is going on, we must all attempt to be thrifty in every way possible. Go to it, Clintonian, and let us see your next issue full of good, snappy material from cover to cover.

Newtonia, Newton, Ia., we again welcome you into our midst. We are glad to see that you are living up to the high standard you set last year. Yours is one of the best exchanges we have and we surely profit by it in many ways. We hope that you may always be as successful as you now are.



The editors of the Watch Tower request that this year all jokes be handed in on tissue paper.

A is for Adams—he's a cute little chap. B is for "Bats" Myers—he always likes a nap.

C is for Charlotte—she's worth her weight in gold.

The man who gets her will have something to hold.

D is for "Dutch"—he's always ready to eat.

E is for Evelyn (H)—the boys think she's sweet.

F is for Franing—he's got a famous grin. G is for "Gussie"—who let him in?

H is for "Heinie"—watch that man run!

I is for Ivans—in five years he'll be done.

J is for N. Johnson—she thinks Harry
B's a peach.

K is for Kitty Martin—whose heart to Coal Valley does reach.

L is for Louie—his fate's in the sixth line.

M is for Mel—who as a belle does shine.

N is for Nichols—better known as Bill.

O is for Oliver—a campaigner of skill.

P is for Pinky—his hair is his name.

Q is for questions — for which Miss Thompson is famed.

R is for Robley — she's always on the wiggle.

S is for (E) Swisher—she with confirmed giggle.

T is for L. Turner--who'd never accept a bribe.

U is for you who did kindly subscribe.

V is for Vera V.—she's surely a cute child.

W is for G. Willson about whom Art. B. is wild.

XYZ is for the writers of this crime, Any other name they'd be afraid to sign.

Mr. C.: "Why was every French family anxious to have a son or a daughter in the service of the church?"

F. Hendrickson: "So they would go to Heaven."

Miss A.: "What is the definite article for 'Milch'?"

H. Wilson: "Cream."

Foolish Questions:

1. Does Blanche Ehlers have a good time third period?

2. Why did Ada Young change to the seventh period history class?

History teacher: "How could a farmer leave his estate for good?"

Bessie Herman (innocently): "Die!"

The boy stood on the burning deck, His cognomen was Freddie Peck;

His hair was red and his eyes were blue, And he was Irish thru and thru. Heard in Session No. 24: "Things should be well ground here. We have plenty of Moellars (molars)."

Mr. Anderson has an automobile. If you don't believe it, ask any of his neighbors—they've heard the *horn!* 

Did you notice that Nichols is the treasurer of the Junior Class?

Freshman, in History Class: "The first Greeks were all Jews."

Dedicated To The Football Boys:

"All boys love their sisters,
But I so good have grown,
That I love others' sisters
Far better than my own." Ex.

Miss First: "What case is 'Viri' (weary)?"

Student: "Sad Case!"

In history Miss Rush was endeavoring to get the exact meaning of the word "Fur -long". She asked: "What word do we have today which might mean the same?"

Will Gleason: "Furlough."

Miss (Misunderstanding): "How long is a 'furlong'?"

Will: "Thirty days."

The Freshman wear their hair in curls, Of course you know that we mean girls. Some of the boys' hair is curly, too—Remains of what their mammas used to do.

Ask Harold W. if he liked "The one in brown,"

"Stewart, what is an Apothecary?"
S. Battles: "Oh it's some kind of jewelry."

Teacher: "Now I wish, boys and girls, you would stand up when you recite."

D. LaGrange: "Yes, but just think how far I have to go."

He: "Why does the needles of that compass always point toward me?"

She: "Because you washed with caststeel (castile) soap this morning."

Ex.

H. Heimbeck, giving oral report in history: "And they tried to drive the Dames out of England."

Miss Ballard, after explaining about punctuation: "Now don't one of you come to class without the correct punctuation. This theme is to be oral!"

Teacher to a boy who was talking very rapidly or eloquently upon a topic: "Your thoughts seem to be coming in by freight this morning."

Coach: "God made women to be loved, but I think my football men are doing more than their share."

Salesman, who did not remember his customer's name: "Pardon me but do you spell your name with an 'A' or an 'E'?"

Customer (indignantly): "With an 'a', if you please. It's Hall." Ex.

Preliminary to extending an invitation to remain at a meeting and have some refreshments the speaker said:

> "We can live without Music, And we can live without Art, We can live without Voice, But we can't live without a heart, We can live without Reading, And we can live without Books, But the civilized man Can't live without Cooks,"

Miss Healy: "What is irony?" Walter B: "Domestic science."

Miss Axelson, explaining certain endings in German: "Now you never say a men (amen)."

G. Ullemeyer: "A Profession is a man who goes along a certain line."

Teacher to Bela Metcalf, when firedrill gong is sounded: "Here, come with me, someone may step on you."

Mr. Philbrook, in Chorus: "I used to sing that when I went to college in Lake Michigan."

Teacher: "There's nothing in a name. Here's a fellow named Rohr and he never makes a sound."

D. Temple: "Mirabeau's downfall occured when he stood up to speak." (Banana skin?)

Miss A: "In the Middle Ages, Chaucer was on every one's tongue."

She: "Don't you like lettuce?"
He: "No, and I'm glad I don't, for if I did I'd be eating some and I just hate the stuff."

Ex.

Dedicated to Marie Williams.

I sat alone in the twilight,
As the clock was striking ten,
And murmured over and over:
"Pll never eat onions again!"

Courting is an irregular, active, transitive verb, indicative mode, present tense, third person, singular number, and agrees with all the football boys in R. I. H. S.

Mr. Casto: "The Parthenon is the only building perfectly preserved. It has a dome 28 feet in diameter, without a crack in it—something that cannot be equaled today."

Harold M. "And Stevenson gathered his donkey together."

"They went home after the rain."
Student, "That's not correct, People usually go home after the umbrella."—
Ex.

Richard U. "People say that the price of eggs has gone up on account of the war."

Vera H. "My lands! They're not fighting with eggs are they?"

Miss A. "What would you call the person to whom an insurance agent was talking about buying a policy?"

W. Dolly. "Customer."

Miss A. "No-hardly a customer."

I. Anderson. "Victim."

Recently Harry Lyford was introduced to a young lady. "Good evening," said Harry. "Good night!" said the girl.

R. D. reading theme. "In the rear of the store is an ice box where the combustibles are kept."

Mr. Casto. "Did you take Greek history last year?"

Student. "I was exposed to it but I did'nt take it."

The Freshies are the poor in heart. The Sophies poor in spirit. The Juniors are the best of all. To hear the Juniors tell it.

Mr. Ferguson, in medieval history. "The tailors, traveling from town to town, sometimes had horses and carts which they pushed along."

L. Holcombe. "Did they push the horses too?"

L. Wilson, speaking about the cartoon for the Argus in the Argus-Dispatch contest, "Yes we'll have to put it in the safe."

Miss S. "Oh. Yes. It's safe."

"Are you Hungary?"

"Yes Siam."

"Come on and I'll Fiji."—Ex.

A little Junior took a drink But he will drink no more For that he thought was H2 O Was H2 S. O4—C. A.



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